



PTO/SB/08a/b (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/828,508-Conf. #9644
Filing Date	April 20, 2004
First Named Inventor	Frank S. Bono
Art Unit	N/A
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	101896-0232

Sheet 1 of 1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)				
•	AA	US-4,950,269		08-21-1990	Gaines	
•	AB	US-5,257,993		11-12-1993	Asher et al.	
•	AC	US-5,261,912		11-16-1996	Frigg	
•	AC	US-5,306,275		04-26-1994	Bryan	
•	AD	US-5,346,493		09-13-1994	Stahurski et al.	
•	AE	US-5,443,467		08-22-1995	Biedermann et al.	
•	AF	US-5,498,264		03-12-1996	Schlapfer et al.	
•	AG	US-5,501,684		03-26-1996	Schlapfer et al.	
•	AH	US-5,520,689		05-28-1996	Schlapfer et al.	
•	AI	US-5,534,001		07-09-1996	Schlapfer et al.	
•	AJ	US-5,545,165		08-13-1996	Biedermann et al.	
•	AK	US-5,615,965		04-01-1997	Saurat et al.	
•	AL	US-5,672,176		09-30-1997	Biedermann et al.	
•	AM	US-5,716,356		02-10-1998	Biedermann et al.	
•	AN	US-5,725,527		03-10-1998	Biedermann et al.	
•	AO	US-5,741,255		04-21-1998	Krag et al.	
•	AP	US-5,814,046		09-29-1998	Hopf	
•	AQ	US-5,873,878		02-23-1999	Harms et al.	
•	AR	US-5,961,517		10-05-1999	Biedermann et al.	
•	AS	US-6,077,262		06-20-2000	Schlapfer et al.	
•	AT	US-6,106,526		08-22-2000	Harms et al.	
•	AU	US-6,110,172		08-29-2000	Jackson	
•	AV	US-6,302,888		10-16-2001	Mellinger	
•	AW	US-6,565,565		05-20-2003	Yuan et al.	
•	AW	US-2001/0025180		09-27-2001	Jackson	
•	AX	US-2002/0143332		10-03-2002	Lin et al.	
•	AY	US-2002/0120272		05-29-2002	Yuan et al.	
•	AZ	US-2004/0030337		02-12-2004	Alleyne et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁴
		Country Code ³	Number-Kind Code ² (if known)				
•	BA	DE	94 03 231	04-21-1994	Griebbach et al.		
•	BB	JP	2001-276086	10-09-2001	Abe Eiji et al.		
•	BC	WO	00/19923	04-12-2000	Yuan Hansen		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
--------------------	-----------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------